

PATENT**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 6, 9, and 11 rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,913,877 to Kroll et al.

In the Office Action, claims 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 12-16, 18, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the Office Action, claims 20 and 21 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The Kroll et al. reference is an improper reference for rejecting the pending claims because the pertinent subject matter of the Kroll et al. reference does not constitute work of "another". In the "Declaration of Mark W. Kroll to Traverse Rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.132)" submitted herewith, Mark W. Kroll declares that he, along with James E. Brewer and Brad D. Pedersen, invented the pertinent subject matter relied upon in the Kroll et al. reference. Thus, pertinent subject matter of the Kroll et al. reference does not constitute work of "another", and the Kroll et al. reference is an improper reference for rejecting the pending claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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